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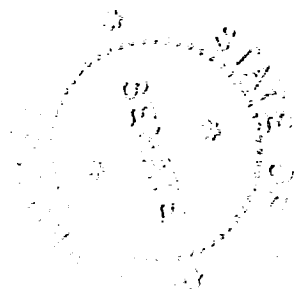
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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1008

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE DR. ANDREW W. NICHOLS.

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1 The Honorable Dr. Andrew W. "Andy" Nichols passed away on April 19,
2 2001 at the age of sixty-four.

3 Born in Bardstown, Kentucky on January 29, 1937, Andy Nichols moved to
4 Arizona in 1951 and graduated from Tempe Union High School in 1955. A 1959
5 graduate of Swarthmore College, he went on to earn a medical degree from
6 Stanford University in 1964 and his master's degree in public health from
7 Harvard University in 1970. From 1966 to 1968, he served as Medical Director
8 for the Peace Corps in Peru. Since 1970, Dr. Nichols was a professor of
9 Family and Community Medicine and Director of the Rural Health Office at the
10 University of Arizona. Committed to health care in Tucson, as a practicing
11 physician he helped establish and worked at the Free Clinic, which now stands
12 as the El Pueblo Clinic. He served on the original board and volunteer staff
13 of the El Rio Neighborhood Health Center, which now serves thousands of
14 patients.

15 On a national level, Dr. Nichols served as the president of the
16 National Organization of State Rural Health Offices and on the board of the
17 Milbank Foundation. He received fellowships from the Fogarty International
18 Center and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to study health policy issues.
19 He played a key role in garnering more federal money for state rural health
20 programs and health education centers around the country. Dr. Nichols'
21 impressive educational credentials and experience prepared him well for his
22 future endeavors as a tenacious advocate for public health programs in the
23 Arizona Legislature.

24 Beginning his legislative service in the Arizona House of
25 Representatives in 1993, Dr. Nichols served in that capacity through 2000
26 when he was elected to the State Senate. Throughout eight years of dedicated
27 service in the Arizona Legislature, he achieved a remarkable record of
28 accomplishment through his efforts to improve the public health, particularly
29 for Arizona's neediest children and families. Under his capable guidance,
30 numerous legislative measures to promote child safety and assist the working
31 poor were advanced into law. Dr. Nichols was a primary advocate of
32 Propositions 203 and 204, the successful ballot measures passed in 1996 and
33 2000, respectively, that will provide medical coverage to Arizonans who
34 previously went without adequate health care. He also championed successful
35 legislation that lowered the blood alcohol limit for driving under the
36 influence and that provided tax incentives for solar energy programs. Dr.
37 Nichols continually fought for good government, and he was the primary author
38 of the Redistricting Initiative and a supporter of the Clean Elections
39 Campaign and the Voter Protection Act of 1998. Dr. Nichols worked diligently
40 on behalf of public health issues and displayed a tremendous ability to
41 garner the support and respect of his peers on both sides of the political
42 aisle.

43 Dr. Nichols' unfailing commitment to his community, state and fellow
44 citizens was evident through his tireless efforts on behalf of such
45 organizations as Habitat for Humanity and the Arizona Civil Liberties Union.

1 In addition, he gave selflessly of his time and abilities to various United
2 States-Mexico border health organizations, including the Arizona-Mexico
3 Commission, the United States-Mexico Border Health Association, the
4 Governor's Binational Border Health Task Force and the Arizona-Mexico Border
5 Health Foundation, of which he was the founder. He also began the joint
6 protocol sessions of the Arizona Legislature with the government of Sonora,
7 Mexico. In his hometown of Tucson, Dr. Nichols delivered Christmas cookies
8 to his neighbors every year and served as board member and president of the
9 Flecha Caida Homeowners Association. At First Christian Church, he served
10 as chairman of the trustees and was former moderator for the church and the
11 Arizona region of the Christian Church. Dr. Nichols' dedication and hard
12 work in all of his endeavors earned him the well-deserved respect and
13 admiration of all who had the privilege of knowing him over the years.

14 Quiet and soft-spoken yet true to his values and ideals, Dr. Nichols
15 knew no greater joy than serving others with gentleness and compassion. He
16 will be greatly missed by his legislative colleagues, family and many friends
17 as well as the citizens of Tucson and the State of Arizona.

18 Therefore

19 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
20 Representatives concurring:

21 That the Members of the Legislature deeply regret the passing of their
22 friend and colleague, Dr. Andy Nichols, and extend their deepest sympathies
23 to his wife, Ann, daughter, Cathy, sons, Michael and Miles, foster children,
24 Mardi and Nassau, and cousin, Tom.


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Speaker of the House


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President of the Senate


Secretary of the Senate

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State
this 25 day of April, 2001,
at 11:40 o'clock A M.


Secretary of State